

SENATE BILL 2592

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 59,  
Chapter 8, Part 4 and Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 1,  
relative to coal surface mining.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Common Sense Compliance Act".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 59-8-406, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

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(1) Each applicant for a coal surface mining permit shall submit as part of the permit application to the commissioner a statement of the applicant's:

(A) Technical and financial means to achieve the permit's requirements;

(B) Current and long-term financial stability for the permit period;

(C) Previous coal surface mining permit applications and grants made by such applicant and the applicant's primary principals' other business ventures; and

(D) Compliance records regarding all such previous coal surface mining permits issued to the applicant and all of the applicant's primary principals' other business ventures.

(2) If the commissioner determines that an applicant would not be able to comply with any requirement for a permit, the permit shall not be issued.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.